MRTS in the country

3078. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passengers transported per day through the Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) in the country;

(b) the cities were the MRTS is planned to start in the 10th Five Year Plan;

(c) the present status of the project in Delhi Metro System in respect of cost-overrun and time-overrun; and

(d) the probable employment generation by this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The average total number of passengers transported per day is as under:—

Railways	Total No. of passengers
Metro Railways, Kolkata	2,13,000
Chennai/MRTS	7682

It may, however, be mentioned that Indian Railway Sub-urban system though not called MRTS also carried 7.84 million daily commuters during the year 2000-01 in different cities.

(b) Presently, only the Delhi MRTS is in the development stage. However, a proposal to develop a commuter system by upgrading the existing railway infrastructure is under execution by Ministry of Railways in Hydcrabcd-Sccundcrabad in partnership with Government of Andhra Pradesh. Study for a similar system is in progress for Bangalore City by Government of Karnataka with l/3rd of the cost shared by Railways.

(c) Time overrun:- The Detailed Project Report (DPR) envisaged

a period of 10 years for completion of the Delhi Metro Project Phasc-I. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, on its own, decided to compress the completion schedule to 7 years. The project is presently 8 months behind the revised completion schedule.

Cost overrun:- Sanctioned cost of the project is Rs. 4,860 crores at April' 96 price level. Taking into account the element of inflation during the implementation period, the completion cost of the project was, however, assessed as Rs. 8,155 crores. Due to subsequent changes in the corridors comprising the project, its completion cost is expected to go up. The exact cost is yet to be finalized.

(d) Delhi MRTS Phase-I has generated employment for about 10,000 persons which will continue throughout its implementation stage. During its subsequent operation and maintenance stage, it would generate employment for about 2,850 persons.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjoruncd till tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at three minutes past eleven of the clock, till eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 23rd April, 2002.